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WEINER SAYS TALKATIVE CLIENT

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RAISES PROBLEMS

Muzzle Novel

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Attorney Jerry Weiner said Thursday he is going to try to muzzle his talkative client, Gordon Novel, wanted as a material witness in the New Orleans probe of the Kennedy assassination.

"This thing is really starting to get out of hand," Weiner told The Dispatch. "I'm going to try to get Gordon to stop these little interviews."

AFTER VOWING TO "put a stop to this," Weiner admitted he has difficulty in controlling his client. "I can't stop him (Novel) after he starts talking."

Weiner and Stan Greenbaum, a Columbus private detective, went to New Orleans Wednesday to confer with Novel's attorney there, Steven Plotkin.

Weiner denied meeting Wednesday with New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, the driving force behind the assassination probe. However, sources there indicated the Columbus attorney did meet with representatives of the district attorney.

Reaffirming his pledge to fight extradition on behalf of Novel, Weiner alluded to the difficulties Ohio has experienced in getting fugitives returned from Louisiana.

WEINER SAID HE LEARNED that Louisiana authorities just Tuesday refused to send another Ohio fugitive back to the Buckeye State.

Records in Governor Rhodes' office, checked by The Dispatch, revealed that at least seven Ohio fugitives are enjoying sanctuary in the Pelican State.

According to Gerald S. Collins, deputy assistant to Rhodes, Louisiana is one of four states which is not a signatory to the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act. Others are Washington, South Carolina and Nevada.

COLLINS COMMENTED, "You almost never get them back from Louisiana or Nevada."

Since 1964, Ohio has filed extradition requisitions for 16 fugitives in Louisiana, most of whom fled to New Orleans.

Extradition either has been denied or delayed on at least seven for a variety of reasons.

theft of several cases of blasting caps and explosive charges from a bunker in Houma in 1961. Shlumberger Oil Co.

The bunker is owned by an oil company and is used to store explosives used in oil exploration.

The FBI later recovered part of the loot in wooden cases on the New Orleans docks marked: "Photo supplies for Cuba."

"UP UNTIL THIS TIME we knew that the crime had been committed involving the bunker, but we did not know who did it," Broussard said.

Broussard admitted the Garrison probe has helped in his case, but he added, "I do not know if this munitions theft has anything to do with the assassination investigation . . ."

In an apparently related development Wednesday, Clay L. Shaw, 54, pleaded innocent in criminal district court to charges that he was part of a criminal conspiracy to assassinate the late president.

GARRISON'S PROBE ALSO spawned its second perjury indictment Wednesday. Layton Patrick Martens, 24, a college student who once lived with the late David W. Ferrie, was indicted in New Orleans, on a charge he lied under oath. Ferrie also was under questioning in the Kennedy probe.

Martens' indictment was based on his testimony of March 29 while being questioned before the grand jury by Garrison in regard to the Houma burglary. Martens denied knowing Novel.

MEANWHILE, BACK in Ohio, Collins in the governor's office was awaiting the official extradition request for Novel from Louisiana.

Executive hearings on extradition from Ohio are rare. However, Statehouse sources indicated there may be one this time because Louisiana, haven for some Ohio felons, is involved.

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reasons.

MOST OF THE remaining nine fugitives have been parole violators who returned to Ohio voluntarily.

Just Wednesday, Portage County Proscutor George E. Martin of Ravenna, wrote Rhodes asking the governor's assistance in extraditing two women wanted for forgery who have found a haven in New Orleans.

Martin wrote, "I am giving you this information because I understand the State of Louisiana is attempting to extradite a person located in Ohio."

NOVEL WAS arrested by Gahanna Police Saturday on a Louisiana warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit simple burglary, a charge which does not constitute a crime under Ohio statutes.

Novel also is wanted by Garrison as a "most important witness" in the controversial Kennedy assassination probe.

Novel was freed from Columbus City Prison Tuesday on $10,000 bond.

WEINER SAID HIS CLIENT is "not in hiding," but he refused to divulge Novel's whereabouts.

The conspiracy charge against Novel involved a burglary of the Houma, La., explosives storage area.

In fast-breaking developments in the land of the Southern Magnolia Wednesday, authorities in Terrebonne Parish (county) ordered the arrests of Novel and Cuban exile leader Sergio Arcacha Smith in Dallas.

DIST. ATTY. WILMORE J. BROUSSARD Jr. filed charges of simple burglary against the two in connection with the